

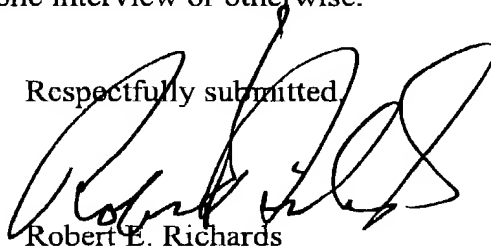
REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the interview graciously granted to the undersigned on August 19, 2003. Applicants discussed with the Examiner further amendment of the claims in order to facilitate examination. Applicants submit that the foregoing amendments are submitted solely for the convenience of the Examiner and for the purpose of advancing prosecution. Following entry of the foregoing amendments, Claims 1-4, 6-15, and 89 are pending in the present application. Support for these amendments can be found generally throughout the specification.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing remarks. Such action is courteously solicited. Applicants further request that the Examiner call the undersigned counsel if allowance of the claims can be facilitated by examiner's amendment, telephone interview or otherwise.

Respectfully submitted,


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